



Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 24th March 2010 Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

Present: - Chris Groom (Chairman), Irene Groom (minutes secretary), Karen Spink, Tom Sharkey, Elizabeth Beggs, Roger Brown, Pamela Jean Marr, Carolyn Derecki, Linda Laurie, Andrea Gohil, Eddie Lavery, Peter Collins.

1. Apologies for absence: Bruce Baker, Catherine Dann, Lesley Crowcroft, Ian Brooks, David Payne, Jean Gibson, Kay Wilmott-Denbeigh.

IG apologised to the members present for the change of date of the March meeting - the date was changed by the Church due to the fact that they do not allow their meeting rooms to be used during Holy Week.

2. Minutes of previous meetings

- The minutes of the February meeting were agreed with no amendments.

3. Actions/Matters arising, not on Agenda

- The Sigers petition hearing was held on the 18th March. The Council's recommendation was effectively to do nothing but Cllr Mills was swayed by the arguments and CCTV cameras are to be installed for a trial period of 3 months. A survey is to be done to see how many cameras are needed and, hopefully, installation will be at the end of April. All incidents **MUST** be reported to both the Police SNT and Hillingdon Council, Community Safety Team, even when the cameras are installed, as the cameras will not be viewed 24 hours a day (they record 24 hours per day). RB will advise all residents of The Sigers emphasising that all incidents must be reported even after the cameras are installed. **ACTION:- RB**
- A speaker for the AGM has been arranged - it is Mike Price from the Civil Protection Department - further details of the AGM will be discussed at the April meeting.
- Car Park Blue Badges/Brown Badges - still awaiting clarification from BB - post meeting note-clarification article to be included in next ERA News.

4. Representatives Reports

4.1. Planning & Enforcement Matters Arising

- 70, Coniston Gardens - has now been taken to appeal. This is the second application on this site, to demolish a bungalow and erect two dwellings. The first application for two houses was refused on appeal. The current application is for 2 bungalows, but the previous Inspector's concerns have not been addressed.
- 81, Abbotsbury, more amended drawings have been submitted, this appears to be another long running saga.

New Applications

- 41 Rushdene Road the owner has submitted a further two applications for a single storey rear extension. The number of applications for this site now numbers more than 20 in the last ten years.
- Initial House.- the latest application has just be withdrawn by the developers who were aware of both the Council and local objections - more details in the next ERA News
- There are not many FULL planning applications being submitted to Hillingdon and this is further explained in the next ERA News.

RAF Eastcote - Pembroke Park

- CG has written to Jales Tippell (Hillingdon Council) regarding the fencing being erected at the side of the footpath, seeking clarification -footpath too narrow for a footpath/cycle way. To date no reply. LC has written to Mary Worrall re this footpath and the status of the LCR+ and London Greenways cycle routes to date no reply. **ACTION:- CG/LC to chase up**
- All other matters covered in RAF Eastcote Update Report - next report - early April.

4.2. Conservation

Latest Minutes of the Conservation Panel and the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens are available. Please ask if you would like a copy.

Eastcote House Gardens

- The 'Drop In Session' 20/21st March, was a very successful weekend. 14 Volunteers from the Conservation Panel helped the Architects during the weekend. The numbers of visitors and their views are still being collated. There was a steady flow of people visiting all weekend. The Saturday session was marred by the behaviour of some Members of the Snooker Club. Their behaviour towards members of the public and the Architects team was not acceptable. A complaint is being made.
- Rock Garden will be replanted Thursday 1st April, by the Friends Gardeners. Giles Hayward has drawn up the planting plans and is sourcing plants for us. Taylor Wimpey have donated the money for the plants.
- Work in the Walled Garden is on schedule. Plants are being sourced, the first areas to be planted, in April, will be the Herb Beds. Local Schools will be joining some of the Planting sessions.

Diary Dates

- Gardening Sessions 1st April & 15th April.
- Guided Walk from Eastcote House Gardens to Manor Farm and back, circular route. Saturday 27th March meet 10.am Car park Eastcote House Gardens.
- Saturday April 10th Bluebell Planting near the Pinn in Eastcote House Gardens 10.30am

Other Dates

- AGM Conservation Panel and Friends of Eastcote House Gardens 8th June.
- Cavendish Park - Family Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Monday meet at Cavendish Pavilion 11am-12noon.

For more details on any of the above events please contact Lesley Crowcroft.
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Other Matters

- Community planting session along the River Pinn by Joel Street last October was very successful. It is proposed to have another Community Planting Session on Forge Green this coming autumn as part of planting improvements to Forge Green. Bulk source for crocuses has been found. CG put a proposal to the meeting that ERA fund these crocuses up to the value of £50 as ERA's contribution to the refurbishment of Forge Green - this was put to the vote, agreed with a show of hands. CG will purchase the bulbs. **ACTION:- CG**
- The Council have agreed to ERA proposal to put bollards at the rear of the footpath to prevent access to the rough land between Pretty Corner and the River Pinn (opposite Armstrong Close) and the owner of the land has then agreed to remove the ugly green hoardings.
- The council have also agreed to a new path to the public bench seat to be installed on the green by the Tudor Lodge Hotel.

4.3. Police Matters

Report from EB

- There had been an increase in 'honour killings' and suicides among certain ethnic communities.
- There are rumours that the Police SNTs will be reorganised after the election.
- KS reported that boy racers have started to use the Devonshire Car Park again in the evenings. CG agreed to report and take up with Police SNT Panel. **ACTION:- CG**

4.4. Transport and Road Safety:

IB reported:-

- Eastcote Road / Fore St & Field End Rd - safety concerns - Skid resistant surfacing has now been laid together with `SLOW` on road and additional signs at both location plus speed activated signs. Council site visit with local residents arranged for 7th April.
- Eastcote Road by Hume Way - a new pedestrian crossing is proposed to deal with increased numbers at Bishop Ramsey School.
- Bridle Rd - pedestrian crossing, still awaiting Council decision.
- Cheney Street - traffic calming, Funds are now available and agreement in principle from TfL for 2010/11. Outline proposals to be developed, April onwards.
- Eastcote station - LBH original proposals dropped, new proposals from Council awaiting further consultation.
- New pedestrian crossing near Ferncroft Avenue is nearly finished.
- EB felt that better lighting should be installed at the crossing in Field End Road by the Nisson Garage/Southbourne Gardens, bearing in mind that this is a very busy crossing. **ACTION:- EB**

4.5. Community Voice:

PC was unable to go to the last meeting, so CG reported the salient points from the Community Voice minutes :-

- Speaker was Jan Filochowski, Chief Executive, West Herts Hospitals NHS Trust. He reported:-
- The Trust is probably the biggest employer in West Herts with 5,000 employees.
- Two years ago the Trust broke even for the first time with £2.4m surplus, then last year £4.6m surplus, and this year it hopes £5m surplus.
- Watford centralisation of acute services has been achieved efficiently and safely.

- Mixed-sex accommodation have now been almost eliminated - spend this year of over £1.5m.
- The next step is to re-develop Watford General Hospital. Hope to start work in two to three years time.

Other Matters

- The post of General Manager Mount Vernon has been abolished.
- Parking at Mount Vernon - better signage is being urged and more staff car parking.
- NHS Hillingdon has published an updated scorecard for evaluating local GP practices.
- A new office for Hillingdon Link has opened in the Pavillion Shopping Centre Uxbridge.
- The PCT Hillingdon is on track to break even at year-end so there is now reasonable hope that its £19m debt will be wiped out later this year.

4.6 Press Officer/Newsletter:

- ALL articles are now due for the next ERA News - please e-mail to LL as soon as possible.

5. A.O.B./Correspondence:

- KS (Senior Road Steward) reported that a lot of subs money was now in but there is more to come. **ACTION:- ALL**
- PC unable to attend the next Ruislip Lido Meeting but he will give details to CG when he has them so CG can go instead. **ACTION:- PC/CG**

The meeting ended at 8.45pm

**The next Meeting will be 28th April 2010 at the Elsie Fischer Room St. Lawrence Church at 7.30pm.
Apologies to Irene Groom on 0208 866 0985 or e-mail chris@parkfarm23.fsnet.co.uk**